GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Disciplinary action against Sri P. Jagan Mohan Rao, FRO(Retd), formerly Mylavaram of Rajahmundry Circle for charging excess expenditure of Rs.89,038/- in raising & Maintenance of MGVN Nurseries during 2010-11– Article of charges issued- Final notice along with a copy of findings of the Inquiry Officer Communicated – Further defence received - Imposing of a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of two years - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 1 Dated: 12-02-2020
Read the following:

Ref:- 1. From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Lr.No.48412/2012/Vig-2, dated 01.12.2014 and 27.12.2016.
2. Govt.Memo.No.1633/Sec.IV/A1/2017, dt.11.08.2017.
3. From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.48412/2012/A&DC-2, dt.19.12.2017.
4. Govt.Memo.No.1633/Sec.IV/A1/2017, dt.11.01.2018.
5. From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.48412/2012/A&DC-3, dt.31.08.2018.
6. Govt.Memo.No.1633/Sec.IV/A1/2017, dt.04.12.2018.
7. From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.48412/2012/A&DC-3, dt.23.04.2019.
8. Memo.No.EFS01-FRST0FVIG/33/2019-SEC-IV, dt:05-08-2019.
9. From Sri P. Jagan Mohan Rao, FRO(Retd), Eluru, further defence Statement, dt.09.10.2019.
10. From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur,Lr.Rc.No.48412/2012/A&DC-3, dated 28.10.2019.
11. Letter No.EFS01-FRST0FVIG/33/2019-SEC-IV, dated 03.12.2019
12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada, Lr. No.601/DC&C/2019, dt. 30.12.2019.

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In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has informed that an Article of Charge was issued to Sri P. Jagan Mohan Rao, FRO (Retd.), Rajahmundry Circle by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur on the following charge:

Article - I:- "That he has committed irregularities in execution of works of raising of nurseries under MGV Scheme during 2010-11 in Mylavaram Range, resulting in shortfall of 1,65,413 seedlings & excess expenditure of Rs.4,47,519/-"

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further informed that on further verification, only Rs.3,56,154/- was booked as excess expenditure. The share of Charged Officer was fixed as Rs.89,038/- (i.e. 25% of the total) and the same amount has been remitted by the Charged Officer through (4) D.D.s on 24-12-2012. The Article of Charge was served to the Charged Officer on 22.01.2013 and explanation was submitted by him on 23.01.2013.

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3. After examination of the issue, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests was requested to go for regular inquiry, to inquire into the charges framed against Sri P. Jagan Mohan Rao, FRO (Retd.), obtain Inquiry Report under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and then furnish the proposal for finalization of the matter to Government, vide reference 2nd read above.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry as Inquiry Officer and DFO, Krishna Division as Presenting Officer, vide Proc.No.48412/2012/Vig.2, (I&II), dt.24.04.2018. The Inquiry Officer conducted the enquiry and submitted the findings vide ref.No.8280/2012-M8, dt.25.06.2018, wherein Inquiry Officer held that the charges are not proved. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has differed with the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

5. In the reference 6th read above, Government have directed Sri P. Jaganmohana Rao, FRO formerly Mylavaram Range, Krishna Division to submit his explanation to the disagreement factor of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, within (15) days from the date of receipt of the Memo, for taking necessary further action in the matter.

6. In the reference 7th read above, while enclosing the further defence statement of Sri P. Jaganmohana Rao, FRO (Retd.), dated 06.02.2019, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that the Charge Officer has not submitted any new / fresh valid points.

7. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2013. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the material made available, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of two years on the charged officer, Sri P.Jagan Mohan Rao, FRO (Retd.), formerly FRO, Mylavaram, Krishna Division of Rajahmundry Circle, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 8th read above and the same was communicated to him. In the ref.9th read above he has submitted his further defense statement in which he has agreed to the proposed punishment.

10. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose the punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of two years against the Charged Officer, Sri P. Jagan Mohana Rao, FRO (Retd), formerly FRO, Mylavaram, Krishna Division of Rajahmundry Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
(with original record Rc.No.8082/2013/M8, number of pages 120)
The Individual (through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)).

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Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, AP., Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, (with ref. to Lr.No.601/DC&C/2019, dt.30.12.2019).
The O.S.D. to M (Energy, EFS & T).
The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS & T Dept.
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SECTION OFFICER